

BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Peary has arrived at Sydney, N. S., on his way home.

Damage to crops by the Southern storm will reach \$1,000,000.

Government troops of Paraguay have been repulsed by revolutionists.

Twelve deaths are now reported from the storm which swept the Gulf states.

Dr. Cook has reached New York and received a tremendous ovation on landing.

Maxine Elliott, the actress, says King Edward is "charmingly, delightful."

Claus Spreckels' sons have engaged in a legal war over the division of the estate.

Ex-Governor Pardee, of California, has started another attack on Secretary Ballinger.

The Postoffice department has ordered a 12-cent stamp. It will bear a likeness of Henry Clay.

A new tribe of Eskimos have been found on Prince Albert Land. They are very tall and resemble the North American Indian.

The cruiser Colorado had to put in at Honolulu on account of bad boilers. They have been replaced and the vessel will proceed on the Asiatic cruise.

Ex-Vice President Fairbanks is in Manila.

New York is seeking a good, live candidate for mayor.

A trial trip will be made of the battleship Delaware October 20.

The trial of Patrick Calhoun has been continued until September 27.

The Wabash Railway company has succeeded in gaining entrance into Pittsburgh.

Forester Pinchot says he has no quarrel with Ballinger and that he will not resign.

The Spanish troops have gained another victory over the Moors, driving them back with heavy losses.

One of the leading educators of the University of Chicago, has accepted a position with the Chinese Imperial university, Peking.

The volcano Kilauea, Hawaiian islands, is exceedingly active. The lava is rising fast and is only 100 feet from the rim of the crater.

Ecuador will no doubt furnish a good market for machinery during the coming year, as new factories and railroads are being constructed and contracts for new public improvements are being let.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, has suffered a relapse and lies at death's door.

The national convention of bankers has declared against postal savings banks.

The high court of St. Petersburg is passing out wholesale sentences on the mere word of spies.

Y. Uchida, now Japanese ambassador to Austria, will be transferred to the United States.

Western Canada* trades unions are making a fight against using Oriental labor on the railroads.

In a speech at Winona, Minn., President Taft declared the present tariff law the best the country ever had.

The steamer Nicholas, en route from Havana to Cienfuegos, went ashore on the Isle of Pines and 29 lives were lost.

The Great Northern and St. Paul promise a 56-hour schedule from Chicago to Seattle in the fight for mail contracts.

Dr. Cook says he has records which will prove he was at the Pole and will convince the skeptics as soon as he reaches the United States.

The Interstate Commerce commission will investigate the reasons for the Santa Fe withdrawing its offer to put on a fast mail train to the Pacific coast.

A temperance wave is sweeping over Germany.

London's new non-tip hotel is making a great hit.

The forest fires in Southern California continue to grow.

Governor Johnson's physicians announce that he will recover.

Peary says he will be glad to refer the Pole controversy to an arbitration court.

A new pretender to the Persian throne has appeared and troops have been sent to suppress him.

The Russian cabinet has decided that the czar is supreme in all matters relating to the army and navy.

Walter E. Clark, the new governor of Alaska, says there must be peace between the rival political parties.

Two Los Angeles men, both over 80, fought over a woman who is 75. One of the combatants is in the hospital.

PREPARING FOR CONGRESS.

Display of Dry Farming Products Arriving at Billings.

Billings, Mont., Sept. 22.—While farmers throughout the West are preparing samples of their products for display at the International Dry Farming exposition which will be held here October 25-29 in connection with the Fourth Dry Farming congress, the Montana board of control is rushing work on the exhibit hall where the results of dry farming operations will be exhibited in ocular demonstration of the success of intelligent application of scientific principles in practical agriculture.

For the main division of the exposition, the local committee has secured the wool warehouse, one of the largest buildings in Billings. The building is 60 by 160 feet and is located along the railroad tracks in the center of the city. Its barn like interior is being transformed from the unsanitary crudities of warehouse architecture into an attractive exposition hall by a force of carpenters and decorators. Two high partitions will divide the room into three compartments, or large aisles, with a total of 92,000 square feet of wall space. At the base of each partition and around the walls of the entire building, shelves are being built, which will give nearly 4,000 square feet of space, making a total of approximately 96,000 square feet of available exhibit space.

The grains and grasses and other products which are to be displayed on the walls and threshed grains, roots, fruits and vegetables will be shown on the shelves. A false ceiling is being put in 14 feet from the floor and decorated with bunting and flags. The walls will have a background of black cloth. When the exhibits are in place, the gold and green of grains and grasses outlined against the black background and the red, white and blue of the national colors upon the ceiling and about the walls, will make a picture of striking artistic effectiveness.

The floor space will be divided into 20 foot squares and above the center of each square will be an arc light. Exhibits are already beginning to arrive and are being placed in the exposition hall.

FAVORS CORPORATION TAX.

President Taft Says It Is Better Than Income Tax.

Denver, Sept. 22.—Making his way still further to the West, President Taft arrived in this city yesterday afternoon, and last night, in the Denver auditorium, where a year ago William J. Bryan was nominated as his opponent in the presidential race, he faced a crowd of thousands that in its noisy welcome and continuous enthusiasm recalled some of the scenes of convention week.

President Taft, switching from his purpose to discuss the conservation of natural resources, last night took up the corporation tax and defended it against the proposition to impose a direct income tax, which he said seemed likely to pass the senate when the corporation tax was devised as a compromise. The president strongly urged, however, that the states ratify the proposed income tax amendment to the constitution in order to make such a tax available in time of necessity.

The president declared that the corporation tax was in itself the best form of income tax that could be levied, and pointed out that it contained many of the best features of the income tax law of England. The president declared it would be possible to amend the corporation tax as to include within its scope every desired feature of an income tax except the levy upon incomes derived from actual salary and professional services.

The president said he opposed direct income tax except in cases of emergency and he believed it to be a prime fault in the Federal constitution that no provision is made for a direct levy to meet wartime or other extraordinary expenses.

Hill Says Leader Is Lost.

St. Paul, Sept. 22.—James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway company, said today of Governor Johnson: "He possessed many of the qualities of a leader combined with kindly disposition and a pleasant appearance. His ability was illustrated by his career, coming, as he did, from the lowest stratum of the social structure to the highest. And his life's work with its results were not matters of accident. They were due to his perseverance and ability."

Former Preacher Fills Job.

St. Paul, Sept. 22.—Adolph C. Eberhart, who, by the death of Governor Johnson, becomes the chief executive of the state, was born in Sweden, 38 years ago, but came to Minnesota in 1881. He attended the public schools and was afterward graduated from Gustavus Adolphus college, at St. Peter, as a minister of the Gospel. Soon after his graduation Mr. Eberhart abandoned church work and took up the study of law.

Big Land Deal Recorded.

Merced, Cal., Sept. 22.—One of the largest land deals recorded in this section of California was completed today, when the C. W. Wooster company, of San Francisco, took a bond on the Chowchilla ranch, 14 miles south of Merced. The ranch contains 108,000 acres and the deal is said to have involved more than \$1,000,000. The Wooster company plans to irrigate the tract and colonize it.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

MAMMOTH IN OREGON.

Bones of Prehistoric Animal Are of Great Interest.

Pendleton.—After lying undisturbed for untold centuries, the skeleton of some monstrous prehistoric animal has been disinterred on the Orville Elder ranch, in Stage gulch, 18 miles northwest of here. Judging from the size of the bones which have been uncovered, the animal must have weighed many tons.

To convince the skeptical Elder brought in a tooth which he removed from the back part of the right jaw bone. The molar is 14 inches in length, is more than eight inches thick at the largest point and has a chewing surface seven by three and a quarter inches.

While the tooth is in a fairly good state of preservation, the other bones are not strong enough to bear their own weight and are easily crushed in the fingers. There are several pieces six and eight feet long. One of the peculiar features of the skeleton was the remnant of what was evidently a rhinoceros-like horn on the snout. This is only 8 or 10 inches in length, but might have been much longer in life.

Umpqua Pears Have Record.

Roseburg.—With a banner 25 feet long, bearing the words "Umpqua Valley Pears shipped by the W. C. Harding Land company," a carload of D'Anjou and Clargenau pears left Roseburg a few days ago for New York city. The fruit was raised by Dr. George A. Bradburn, on his Edenbow orchard. The shipment comprised 560 boxes, for which Mr. Bradburn received \$1,485, or \$2.25 per box. So far as known this is the highest price ever paid the grower for Umpqua valley pears, and higher than Rogue river valley is said to have received so far this season.

Electric Road for Silverton.

Oregon City.—An electric line extending from Oregon City to Mulino, on the Molalla river, has secured franchise from the city council and seems likely to be built at once. The ultimate terminus of the line is thought to be Silverton. The franchise allows the line to operate on a level with Main street, instead of from the hill back from the river, thus overcoming the last obstacle urged by Mr. Swift, who has been active in promoting the project. Surveys will now be made from the top of the hill to water level and the business district, and from Mulino on to Silverton.

Rush Railroad Work.

Nehalem.—Railroad work is in full swing on the line from Garabaldi, on Tillamook bay, to 10 miles above Nehalem city. Along this stretch of road are 13 camps and about 800 men employed. A wagon road is being built up the south fork of the Nehalem river, on which supplies are being carried to the camps. The Wakefield contract of 20 miles, from Tillamook City to the mouth of the Nehalem river at Nehalem Bay park, will be completed by November 1.

Build Springfield Bridge.

Eugene.—Al Welch, general manager of the plants controlled by the Northwestern corporation, which recently took over the holdings of the Willamette Valley company and kindred organizations, is here arranging to resume work on the big bridge across the Willamette river at Springfield for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway. This bridge was started two years ago, but work was stopped when the financial crash came.

Brick Blocks at Cottage Grove.

Cottage Grove.—Cottage Grove now has five brick business buildings under construction and another is to be started in a short time. Ed Venke, who recently purchased a lot on Main street, is preparing to erect a modern structure 50x96 feet, one story, with arrangements for an additional story to be added when needed. This building is to be occupied by a large furniture store when completed.

Buy Milton Apples.

Milton.—William Gibson, Sr., of the Gibson Fruit company, of Chicago, was in the city recently and closed a contract with the Milton Fruit Growers' union to take all the apples this season at \$2 per box, f. o. b. Milton. A few years ago Walla Walla valley apples were practically unknown in Eastern markets, but since they are receiving recognition it is hard to supply the demand.

Rich Young Orchard.

Cottage Grove.—J. D. Jones, of Cottage Grove, has a 10-acre tract set out to fall and winter apples. The orchard is three years old. The state orchardist was in this section a few days ago, and after inspecting the orchard told Mr. Jones it was one of the best in the state. This orchard lies southeast of Cottage Grove, and is not irrigated.

Big Farm Land Rental.

Eugene.—James Ebbert, of this city, owns 3800 acres of land in Whitman county, Washington, all cultivated to grain. He has just settled with his tenants, and his share of the profits is about \$25,000, or \$6.70 per acre. Mr. Ebbert rents his land for one-third the crop, delivered in the warehouse.

Pears 800 Boxes Per Acre.

Sheridan.—Roy Graves' pear orchard brought him 800 boxes per acre, for which there has been good demand.

WILL WATER PROJECT.

Private Company Will Take Up Malheur Irrigation.

Ontario.—The second turning down of the Malheur project by the government has not materially affected business here. Such action had been anticipated.

The Boise-Owyhee High Line company is willing to extend its canal to the Malheur river, providing land owners will sign contracts. Another private company is making preparations to water 30,000 acres above Vale by conserving the flood waters of Bully creek. This company, claimed to be Washington capitalists, has purchased the L. J. Seevey and O. Johnson ranches on Bully creek for a reservoir site. This almost natural reservoir can be made complete by putting in a dam 100 feet high, or higher if necessary. The canyon here is not much over 100 feet wide and ore and rock for the dams can be drawn from the hillsides.

There is considerable talk of organizing an irrigation district for the purpose of watering lands in the vicinity of Ontario and Vale not already under canals, and the Upper Dead Ox flat, while landowners of the Lower Dead Ox flat are arranging to secure water from the Snake river by means of pumping plants.

Stockmen Atter Alfalfa.

Newbridge.—About all the hay in Eagle and Pine valleys has been bought up by stockmen, the price for alfalfa being from \$6 to \$7 per ton. After cutting three crops of alfalfa each year the farmers sell their meadows to cattlemen for pasture, the price in a few instances being as high as \$5 per acre. Under the present reserve system stockmen must have their stock off the range by a certain time each fall, hence the green alfalfa fields are in good demand for early fall pasturage.

Accredited List Increased.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—High schools and colleges recently placed on the accredited list of the university of Oregon are: The College Preparatory school, of Ashland, W. T. Van Scoy, president; The Columbia Junior University, academy, Milton, Or., W. H. Martin, president, and the Drain High school, Drain, Or., A. J. Garland, superintendent. Graduates of these schools will be admitted to the university without examination.

Canby Ships Many Hogs.

Canby.—The large produce and farm shipments being made from Canby this fall are attracting attention. Recently one train took out an express shipment of 8,000 pounds, or four tons, of dressed hogs, all bound for the Portland market. The Canby product is always in demand, being grain fattened and extra fine.

Make Federal Building Larger.

Pendleton.—Pendleton's new Federal building is to be made large enough to house the Federal court and attaches, the Northwest headquarters of the Federal bureau of animal industry, as well as the postoffice. This is the announcement that has just been made here.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 97c; club, 87c; red Russian, 85½c; valley, 90c; 5½c, 87c; Turkey red, 87c; 40-fold, 89½c. Barley—Feed, \$26.50; brewing, \$27.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@18; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14 50; grain hay, \$15@16.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 33@36c; store, 21@22c per pound. Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 31@32c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15½@16c per pound; springs, 15½@16c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14½c; geese, young, 10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound.

Veal—Extra, 10@10½c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, 50c@1.25; peaches, 65c@1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, 50c@1.50; plums, 25@75c per box; watermelons, 1@1½c per pound; grapes, 60c@1.25 per basket; casabas, \$1.50@2 per crate; quinces, \$1.50 per box.

Potatoes—\$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 2@2½c per sack.

Onions—\$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c, cauliflower, 75c@1.25 per dozen; celery, 50c@1; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, 12½@15c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 5@10c; pumpkins, ¼@1c; squash, 5c; tomatoes, 35@40c per box.

Hops—1909 Fuggies, 20c per pound; clusters, nominal, 1908 crop, 17c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, choice, 23@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.25; fair to good, \$4; common, \$3.50@3.75; cows, top, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good, \$3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$2@2.25; stags, \$2.50@3.

Hogs—Best, \$8; fair to good, \$7.75@7.85; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50@8.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, ½c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5@5.25.

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